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Eradication of Dry Latrine System
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of dry latrines in the country as of March, 2016, State-wise;

(b) the roadmap and the time-frame for the complete eradication of the dry latrine system;

(c) the total number of manual scavengers in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government, in coordination with the State Governments to work at the grass root level to identify manual scavengers and ensure their liberation, proper rehabilitation and socio economic development?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHWALE)
(a) State-wise details of insanitary latrines including those serviced by humans as per household and houselisting Census-2011 report released by Registrar General of India, are given in the Annexure-I. No fresh data is available in this regard.

(b) "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act 2013)" which came into force with effect from 06.12.2013 casts responsibility on the local authority to identify all the insanitary latrines under its jurisdiction within two months from the date of coming into force of the Act. The local authority shall give a notice to the occupier to either demolish the insanitary latrine or convert it into sanitary latrine within a period of six months. The local authority may for sufficient reasons to be recorded in writing extend the said period not exceeding three months. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Urban Development are implementing Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to provide technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories to accelerate sanitation coverage in rural and urban areas respectively.

(c) The States and Union Territories have reported identification of 12,226 manual scavengers as per details given in the Annexure-II.

(d) As per MS Act, 2013 the local authority is responsible to identify the manual scavengers under its jurisdiction and publish the list of identified manual scavengers whose details shall be uploaded on the website www.mssurvey.nic.in . The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has revised the Self Employment Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers in accordance with the provisions of the MS Act, 2013 to ensure proper rehabilitation of the identified manual scavengers. The following rehabilitation benefits are provided under the above scheme:
(i) Onetime cash assistance of Rs.40000/- .

(ii) Loans for project cost upto Rs. 15.00 lacs on concessional rates of interest.

(iii) Credit linked back-end capital subsidy upto Rs. 3,25,000/-.

(iv) Skill Development Training upto two years with stipend of Rs.3000/- per month.
The Ministry regularly monitors the progress of identification and rehabilitation of manual scavengers. Awareness camps are held by National Safai Karamcharis Finance & Development Corporation to motivate manual scavengers to avail benefits of schemes for rehabilitation and skill development.